

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2018-206-E

In re: )  
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Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, )  
LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC for )  
an Accounting Order to Defer Certain )  
Costs Related to Grid Reliability, )  
Resiliency, and Modernization )  
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JOINT MOTION  
TO CANCEL  
ORAL ARGUMENTS

For the reasons stated herein, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”), Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”) (together, the “Companies”), the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), the South Carolina Energy Users Committee (“SCEUC”), hereby move the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) to cancel the oral arguments scheduled for September 26, 2018, and respectfully request that the Commission proceed to consider and rule on the Companies’ petition.

In support of this motion, the Joint Movants would show as follows:

1. On June 22, 2018, the Companies filed a petition for an accounting order for regulatory and financial accounting purposes authorizing the Companies to defer in a regulatory asset certain costs incurred in connection with grid reliability, resiliency and modernization work that is being performed under the Companies’ Power/Forward initiative (the “Petition”).
2. On July 12, 2018 and July 23, 2018, respectively, ORS and SCEUC filed comments requesting that the Commission schedule a hearing to determine whether an accounting order was appropriate for these costs.

3. On July 25, 2018, in Order No. 2018-519, the Commission directed that the Petition be held in abeyance and granted the request for a hearing regarding the appropriateness of these costs for an accounting order.

4. On August 2, 2018, the Commission's Clerk's office scheduled oral arguments in this proceeding for September 4, 2018. On August 13, 2018, in Order No. 2018-108-H, the Standing Hearing Officer granted an extension of the deadlines for comments to be filed in the proceeding, and rescheduled oral arguments for September 26, 2018.


5. On September 4, 2018, ORS filed a letter indicating that it does not object to the Companies' requested accounting order, and that cost recovery would be addressed in a future rate case. On September 6, 2018, the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Upstate Forever, and Vote Solar collectively filed a letter indicating that they support the Companies' requested accounting order upon logic similar to that of the ORS. On September 10, 2018, SCEUC filed a letter withdrawing its objection to the Companies' requested accounting order on similar logic.

6. Inasmuch as no party objects to the Companies' requested deferral accounting order, and because the Commission's issuance of an accounting order will not preclude any party from addressing the reasonableness of these costs in a future general rate case, the Joint Movants proffer that cancelling the oral arguments scheduled in this proceeding would be appropriate and in the interest of judicial economy.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Movants hereby move the Commission to cancel the oral arguments scheduled for September 26, 2018, and respectfully request that the Commission proceed to consider and rule on the Companies' petition.

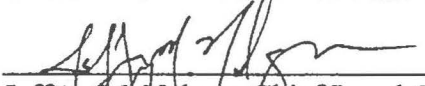
Respectfully submitted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2018.

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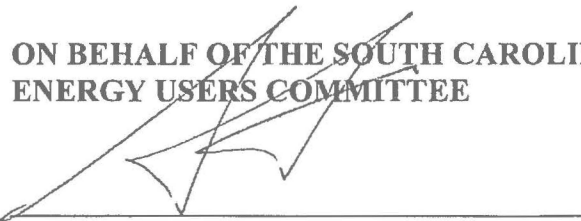
Respectfully submitted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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**ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA  
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